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Boronia Park
Congregation

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*To be a joyful people, convinced of God's love,
and led by God's Spirit, reaching out to others.*



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES at 9:30am:

1 March 2020 (Lent 1) – Rev. Seung Jae Yeon

8 March 2020 (Lent 2) – Rev. Seung Jae Yeon

Ms. Brooke Prentis (Common Grace)

15 March 2020 (Lent 3) – Mrs. Robyn Harvey

Kids and Family Sunday

22 March 2020 (Lent 4) – Rev. Seung Jae Yeon

Youth Full Sunday

29 March 2020 (Lent 5) – Rev. Seung Jae Yeon

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Readings and Prayers:

	Bible Readings	ICC Prayer	World Cycle of Prayer
1 March Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12–19 Matthew 4: 1-11	GladesHill Presbyterian Church and Kalos Korean Presbyterian Church	Ireland, United Kingdom: Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
8 March Lent 2	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12–19 Matthew 4: 1-11	Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill – All Saints and St. Mark’s	Scandinavia: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden
15 March Lent 3	Exodus 17:1–7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1–11 John 4:5–42	Uniting Church congregations, faith communities, chaplains* in the City of Ryde Zone	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
22 March Lent 4	1 Samuel 16:1–13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8–14 John 9:1–41	Villa Maria Holy Name of Mary and St. Peter Chanel	Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia
29 March Lent 5	Ezekiel 37:1–14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6–11 John 11:1–45	Hunters Hill Congregational Church	Albania, Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia
5 April Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2:5–11 Matthew 26:14–27:66 (or Matthew 27:11-54)	St Charles Borromeo and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

* Epping and Sam Il Korean, Eastwood, Macquarie University Chaplaincy, Wesley Mission Macquarie Campus, Marsden Road Carlingford, UNITING chaplain and pastoral practitioner at Arrunga and Thomas Bowden village, Ryde, North Ryde Community, One Heart (Ryde UC is current location) and Boronia Park.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 1, 15 & 29 March: Youth Group meeting after worship service.

Sat 21 March: Adult Fellowship Bus Trip – La Perouse and Little Bay

Thu 9 April: Holy Thursday Gathering at 7pm at the church hall.

Fri 10 April: Way of the Cross – yearly ecumenical event offered by the Inter-Church Council (ICC) of Hunters Hill and Gladesville. Starts from All Saints Anglican Parish, Hunters Hill at 9:30am. See Seung Jae or Robyn for more information.

Sun 31 May: ICC Unity Lunch at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Church Worship Roster

** Elders for March 2020: Margaret Maxwell and Robyn Harvey*

Date	Steward	Flower	PA	Bible	Kids Talk	Prayers
1 March	Jean Boyd	Isabella Lee	Carmen Lam	Jean Boyd	Jenny Keast	Grace Song
8 March		Heather McDowell	Barnbas Joo	Christy Kim	Margaret Maxwell	Seungjae Yeon
15 March		Isabella Lee	Joshua Yeon	Sunday School	-	Sunday School
22 March		Robyn Harvey	Robyn Harvey	Ashley Han	Jack Lyons	Youth Group
29 March		Heather McDowell	Kevin Lee	Elaine Wallbank	Gabby Lyons	Barnabas Joo
5 April		Isabella Lee	Justin Han	Joshua Yeon	Alan Keast	Rosemary Brook

Church Activities & Events:

Sunday School: During Sunday Worship. See Lenny or Margaret M.

Playgroup: Thurs. 9:30-11:30am. See Marilyn Bolton.

Bible Study: Currently in summer break. See Elaine Davis.

Learning for Leisure: Weds 10am – See Margaret T.

Adult Fellowship: See Elaine W, Secretary or Judy R., President

Youth Group: See Seung Jae

Prayer Requests

- * The Church Council in consideration of our mission
- * God's guidance & wisdom as we seek to find Youth Ministry and Community Mission Worker and review the mission plan
- * For our young people and their ministry
- * Special prayer request for those who are unwell.
- * Our church members and families-particularly those who are unwell and in nursing home
- * Mission works of the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery

Bach, Ma and the First Peoples of the Nation

Many of you, especially members of the Boronia Park congregation would be aware that their minister, which is me, loves classical music. (Give thanks to my mother whom put the radio on and stayed tuned in 93.1FM which broadcasts only classical music) I love Baroque music and J. S. Bach's my superhero in that era. If I'm told to pick one of his greatest's, without hesitation, I can tell that the Bach Cello Suites is my number one pick. I've listened to the piece so many times and all significant interpretation and performance done by a number of cellists around the world. (I used to collect vinyls and CDs but now listen to my phone.)

Yo-Yo Ma, the name and his fame have been near me all the time especially since I started to find out who I am as a migrant Korean in Australia. He's my one of influencers whom has demonstrated how I bring my own culture and its deepest meaning toward life and ministry. Thru his music especially cello music performance, I've witnessed that he touches huge population in the world to see how unique the diverse of culture and its history. Sometimes I could hear him perform cello pieces not by cello but by *ERHU*, a Chinese two-stringed music instrument. (It's very personal so touching me.)

Last year, Monday 4 November, it was an evening but very special momentum that I breathed and stood with Ma at the same time and the same toil that the First Peoples have owned and cared for so long time in history. At 7pm, just before the concert, Ma, with his respectful intention, invited all audience to pay their respect to the First Peoples of the Nation, called Australia. Ann Weldon, a representative of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, opened the concert with Welcome to Country. ABC said, "the Welcome was requested by Ma in the spirit of his work to create connections through culture." To be honest, I didn't expect it. I emotionally collapsed. My heart was burning while Ma was playing. I believed that those who were either at the concert or listening/watching his performance all around world would have been touched by the manner that Ma brought into his music. At the end of the concert, I cried, giving thanks to God whom created him and give him His heart toward the First Peoples of the Nation. Ma continued to encounter with many people in Australia to discuss and perform. One of them was Ngiyampaa, Yuin, Bandjalang and Gumbangirr composer and violinist, Eric Avery. They performed *The Lullaby* (Cover photo). It was a heartfelt experience in my life. I may ask you to listen to the breath-taking piece.

Bach, Ma and the First Peoples are finally in my spirit integrated along the faith journey I take. God works thru generations and its people to fulfil His Creation from the beginning. What we should do is that we listen to Him and acknowledge what He has done in you, thru you and for you with many people.

Seung Jae Yeon